

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail Contract 236 (MC2016-191)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-274

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON
POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO
PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACT 236

(August 24, 2018)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to the Commission's Notice in this docket.¹ In that Order, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 236.²

The Postal Service's Notice includes a certified statement as required by 39 C.F.R. § 3015.5, a public (redacted) version of Amendment 2 to Priority Mail Contract 236, and supporting financial data estimating the contract value during the first year.

In Order No. 3512, the Commission approved the Postal Service's request to add a new product identified as Priority Mail Contract 236 to the Competitive Product List.³

¹ PRC Notice Initiating Docket No. CP2016-274, August 21, 2018

² Notice of the United States Postal Service of Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 236, with Portions Filed Under Seal. August 20, 2018. (Notice).

³ See Order No. 3512 Order Adding Priority Mail Contract 236 to the Competitive Product List, Docket No. MC2016-191/CP2016-274, September 14, 2016

This is the second Amendment to this contract.⁴ The instant amendment amends the terms of Sections I.B, I.E., I.G., and adds a new Section I.J. under this contract.

The effective date for this Amendment to Contract 236 is two (2) business days following the day on which the Commission issues all necessary regulatory approvals. , Notice at 1. The contract, as originally filed, was set to expire 3 years from its effective date, unless either party terminated the contract on 30 days' prior written notification, or other specific events. *Id.*

COMMENTS

The Public Representative has reviewed the Postal Service's Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 236 and the financial data filed under seal with the Postal Service's Notice. Based upon that review, the Public Representative concludes that Contract 236 , as amended, should continue to generate sufficient revenues to cover costs and thereby satisfy 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a) and thus should be approved by the Commission.

In addition, the Postal Service must file revenue and cost data for Contract 236 in future Annual Compliance Reports. This data will permit the Commission to annually review the financial results for Priority Mail Express & Priority Mail 29 in a future Annual Compliance Determination (ACD) report for compliance with 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a).

⁴ The first Amendment to Contract No.236 was approved in Commission Order No. 4011, July 21,2017

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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